

PRIVATE SECURITY TRAINING NEWS

TO: <<NAME>>

FROM: Kim Buckner, Private Security Training Manager

RE: Training News for February 23, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENT

Yesterday the industry lost a member of its family. Ed Seuter, a DCJS Certified Instructor, was killed in a plane crash in Bowie, Maryland during an attempted landing. Mr. Seuter made many contributions to the industry over the years and friends and peers alike will miss him. Our condolences go out to Ed's friends and family for their loss.

OPERATIONAL / POLICY UPDATE

REMINDER: Session notifications must be submitted electronically via the Osprey online school system beginning March 1, 2006. If you are having difficulty using Osprey, please first visit the Osprey FAQs on the website. If the problem persists, please contact the Training Unit for additional assistance.

New Partial Training Exemption process coming soon: In order to more efficiently and consistently process and approve requests for partial training exemptions, we are fine tuning the application and review process. The intent of a partial training exemption is to avoid redundant training – not as a cost saving measure to avoid required training. The new policy will require a separate application for each requested exemption. In addition, the training that individuals will be exempted from will be more uniform which should assist you when receiving documentation from a student regarding their requirements. Once the new applications, FAQs and How to Apply documents are posted on the website, I will update you so that you can familiarize yourself with what to expect from students who are granted exemptions.

TIPS FOR MANAGING YOUR SCHOOL / HOUSEKEEPING

DCJS ID numbers: Many of you have contacted our office regarding individual ID numbers ("99") for your students. When a student needs to obtain their ID number and PIN, please direct them to the following page on our website. From this page, they can request a PIN notification letter which will include directions as well as their ID number:

<https://info.dcjs.state.va.us/ps/logon/logon.cfm>

If you are trying to assist them in determining their own ID number that is already issued, School Directors and Assistant Directors can log into Watson (just like Osprey) and enter a student's SSN. This will bring up their profile including the DCJS ID number. They will still need to log in on their own in order to request a PIN number.

Training certificates: Please ensure that you are identifying only DCJS certified training as such. We have seen a number of sample certificates for training not regulated by the Department with "DCJS certified" on the certificate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The entry-level Firearms Instructor Development training course scheduled for March 6 – 10 is closing soon! If you are interested in attending this class but have not yet submitted your application, please send me an e-mail stating your intention to enroll no later than close of business Friday, February 24, 2006 at kim.buckner@dcjs.virginia.gov

The General Instructor Development training class scheduled for February 27, 2006 was cancelled due to lower than required enrollment. The next DCJS class will be held in June. Additional opportunities for this type of training are available and listed on our website under TRAINING ALTERNATIVES.

Don't forget to attend the upcoming PSSAB Training Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Details on time and location can be found on our website here:

<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/pss/index.cfm>

FROM THE COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Enforcement has received some inquiries regarding what a Bail Enforcement Agent does with the original bail piece. It has been reported that some schools are informing students that the original bail piece gets returned to the Agent – this is incorrect. The original is returned to the court with the bailee. Please review your curriculum and revisit this with your staff. Accuracy is imperative in the training environment and is the responsibility of the school to provide accurate and up to date information. If you have any questions regarding this news piece from Compliance and Enforcement, please contact Burt Walker at burt.walker@dcjs.virginia.gov

Remember to send us e-mail with any stories or frequent student questions so we can share in the Instructor forum! For follow-up to this newsletter, please do not use the "REPLY" button in your e-mail program. You may send e-mail to us at: PSSTraining@dcjs.virginia.gov